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House Ways and Means Committee

HB 1284 - State Tax Credits, Exemptions and Deductions - Alterations and Repeal

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

This Bill seeks to *repeal the provision of law that allows any amount of film production activity tax credits not issued in a fiscal year to be carried forward and issued in a subsequent year.* While we take no issue with the rest of the Bill we respectfully request that the Bill be amended and the Film Production Activity Tax Credit be removed from consideration.

Edward Hohman
President

Should the repeal of the carryover provision continue in the Bill it would send a message to the Film Television Industry of wavering support. Any carryover amount would be used to draw in additional or larger productions to Maryland while the program continues to mature. The Legislature showed its' support in building on our already solid foundation of Film & Television work in Maryland two sessions ago. Any alteration at this point would only impede that growth.

Paul Thomas
Vice President
Southern Region

The Film Production Tax credit has proven its' worth by furthering good jobs and creating new ones here in the State of Maryland. It also brings pride, prestige and an influx of money that would not otherwise be spent here. Money that is spent again and again with Maryland companies purchasing goods and services, not just related to a particular project but by the individual Marylanders who work on and benefit from these productions.

Michael Key
Vice President
Northern Region

When we have appeared before legislative committees we have always spoken of good wages and health and retirement benefits that result from this program. Thousands of Marylanders are working, earning and spending money, in their communities and receiving health and retirement benefits for their families.

Ellen Popiel
Secretary/Treasurer

David M. O'Ferrall
Business Agent

As in any business, reputation is everything and the technicians, crew and talent here in Maryland have established themselves as amongst the best in the world. This tax credit isn't about supporting Corporations or celebrities – This is about supporting the working men and women of Maryland who rely upon the Motion Picture and Television industry to support themselves and their families. It creates jobs; not just those created specifically on the production but those peripheral jobs as well. Unlike some of the other Tax Credits NOT A SINGLE DOLLAR GOES OUT UNTIL AN AUDIT OF ALL QUALIFIED MARYLAND EXPENDITURES HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Allowing the current language to remain in House Bill 1284 will send a message to this Industry that Maryland is not committed to growing and creating good jobs here in Maryland and we ask that if you support the Bill that you amend it to remove the Film Production Activity Tax Credit from consideration.

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